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**In re application: Carlson et al.**

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**For: Method and Apparatus for  
Monitoring and Handling Events for a  
Collection of Related Threads in a  
Data Processing System**

Group Art Unit: 2127

Examiner: Tang, Kenneth

Attorney Docket No.: AT9-99-149

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.**